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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/14/03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is response to the applicant's amendment filed on 4/14/03.

Drawings

1. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. As best understood, claims 1-5, 9, 15, 16, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schiedegger (US 5,918,431).

Schiedegger discloses in figs. 1-3, a split-block recess mount apparatus on a siding system 14 including at least one siding strip 12 having a first receiver 10, the siding strip 12 partially covering an external wall of a building or dwelling, a component for intended use in covering at least an exposed portion of the wall and receiving a first portion of utility-related structure, the siding system comprising a body 16 for attachment to the siding strip 12 for at least partially covering the exposed portion of the wall, the body 16 including integral fasteners 17a, 17b, an opening 24 having a predetermined shaped and size for receiving the first portion of the utility-related structure 13, a mounting tab 44, non-integral fasteners (threaded screws or nails, col. 4, line 58).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 6-8, 10-14, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schiedegger (US 5,918,431) in view of Cornelius (US 5,878,542) and Jurvis (US 6,408,580).

Schiedegger discloses the structural elements for the plastic building wall mount assembly as stated in paragraph 5. Schiedegger does not disclose expressly a portion of the body is outwardly bowed to simulate the appearance of a log or timber, integral portion having a surface that simulates the appearance of grout or chinking between the component and an adjacent siding strip, a second siding strip with second receiver. Cornelius teaches log siding comprising a body 54 having a profile that is outwardly bowed relative to a log or timber siding 28 as shown in fig. 8 with more than one siding strip as shown in fig. 2; and Jurvis teaches siding system having integral portion 12 that simulated grout or chinking portion 12 (col. 6, lines 53-54). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify Schiedgger the building wall mounting component with Cornelius's for the body having a profile that is outwardly bowed relative to the log or timber siding and Jurvis's for the integral portion that simulated grout or chinking with the siding. The motivation for doing so

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would have been to connect the utility-related components into the building wall and able to enhance the cosmetic appearance for the building siding.

6. Claims 19-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schiedegger (US 5,591,431) in view of Cornelius (US 5,878,542) and Jurvis (US 6,408,580).

Schiedegger, Cornelius and Jurvis teach the structural elements for the siding system except for the method of assembly, examiner considers this to be the obvious method of setting up the device of the claims because to install the utility-related member into the siding, one must obviously making a sized opening through the siding to accommodate the utility member such as water faucet or electrical outlet, then install the utility-related member by engaging the integral fastener into the siding receiver, and then securing the utility-related member by non-integral fasteners such as screws or nails (shown in figs. 5-6).

Response to Arguments


7. Applicant's arguments filed on 4/14/03 with respect to claims 1-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chi Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 605-1224, Monday-Thursday (7:00-5:30), Fridays off or examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached at (703) 308-0839. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding assigned are (703) 872-9326 for regular communications and (703) 872-9327 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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